

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

- 1 1. A utility connection station, comprising:
2 a body portion having a top, a bottom, opposite sides and a plurality of
3 receptacles;
4 a stand coupled to the body portion and having a first arm and a second
5 arm movable in opposite directions for activation of the stand between a stowed
6 position and a deployed position;
7 a first line management device integrated with the stand and a second
8 line management device coupled to the body portion and configured to hold one or
9 more utility lines when coupled to the receptacles;
10 so that the body portion is supportable in an tower orientation when the
11 stand is in the deployed position and the body portion is positionable in a low-profile
12 orientation when the stand is in the stowed position.
- 1 2. The utility connection station of Claim 1 wherein the second line
2 management device is selectively extendable and retractable from the top of the body
3 portion.
- 1 3. The utility connection station of Claim 1 wherein at least one of the
2 line management devices further comprises activation assistance.
- 1 4. The utility connection station of Claim 1 wherein at least one of the
2 first arm and the second arm are activation assisted.
- 1 5. The utility connection station of Claim 1 wherein second line
2 management device further comprises a handle.
- 1 6. The utility connection station of Claim 1 wherein the second line
2 management device further comprises a hook member configured to suspend the body
3 portion in a work area.

1 7. The utility connection station of Claim 1 wherein the first arm and the
2 second arm further comprise a frictional interface with the body portion configured
3 for positioning the first arm and the second arm in a desired location.

1 8. A connection device for utilities, comprising:
2 a body having a base and a plurality of receptacles for utilities;
3 a bracket selectively extendable and retractable from the base and
4 configured to guide one or more cords; and
5 a stand proximate the base and having a first portion and a second
6 portion movable between an extended position and a retracted position so that the
7 body is configured for use in a first position when at least one of the first portion and
8 second portion of the stand are in the extended position and the body is configured for
9 use in a second position when at least one of the first portion and the second portion
10 are in the retracted position.

1 9. The connection device for utilities of Claim 8 wherein the bracket
2 comprises a holder having a U shape.

1 10. The connection device for utilities of Claim 8 further comprising an
2 extension member having a plurality of receptacles and movable between a deployed
3 position for use and a stowed position for storage.

1 11. The connection device for utilities of Claim 8 wherein the utilities are
2 at least one of electrical power, telecommunication signals, voice signals and data
3 signals.

1 12. The connection device for utilities of Claim 8 wherein at least one of
2 the first portion and the second portion further comprise a cord management device
3 configured to guide cords that interface with the receptacles.

1 13. The connection device for utilities of Claim 8 wherein the first position
2 is a tower position and the stand is configured to support the base on a worksurface.

1 14. The connection device for utilities of Claim 8 wherein the second
2 position is a flat position where a side of the body is configured for placement on a
3 worksurface.

1 15. In a connection device for utilities having a plurality of receptacles
2 configured to interconnect with a plurality of utility lines, the improvement
3 comprising:

4 an elongated body for housing the receptacles;

5 a line management device configured to guide the utility lines
6 connected to the receptacles;

7 a stand movable in relation to the body between a deployed position to
8 support the body in an upright orientation and a stowed position to permit the body to
9 be placed in a flat orientation on a worksurface.

1 16. The connection device for utilities of Claim 15 wherein the line
2 management device further comprises a first line management device and a second
3 line management device.

1 17. The connection device for utilities of Claim 16 wherein the first line
2 management device comprises an opening in the stand.

1 18. The connection device for utilities of Claim 16 wherein the second line
2 management device comprises a U-shaped member that is extendable and retractable
3 in relation to the body.

1 19. The connection device for utilities of Claim 15 wherein the stand
2 further comprises a first arm and a second arm that are selectively extendable and
3 retractable from an end of the body.

1 20. The connection device for utilities of Claim 15 further comprising a
2 receptacle strip that is movable between a stowed position internal to the body and a
3 deployed position at least partially external to the body.

1 21. The connection device for utilities of Claim 15 wherein the receptacle
2 strip comprises a foot configured to support a free end of the receptacle strip when the
3 receptacle strip is moved to the deployed position.

1 22. The connection device for utilities of Claim 15 wherein the utilities are
2 at least one of electrical power, a telecommunication signal, a voice signal, a data
3 signal, a fiber-optic signal and an infrared signal.

1 23. In an utilities connection device having a body with a plurality of
2 receptacles for interfacing with a plurality of utility lines, the improvement
3 comprising:

4 a support structure movable between a first position to support the
5 body in a generally vertical orientation and a second position configured to permit
6 placement of a side of the body on a worksurface; and

7 a utility line holder coupled to at least one of the support structure and
8 the body and configured to restrain the utility lines in a desired position.

1 24. The utilities connection device of Claim 23 wherein the utilities are at
2 least one of electrical power, a telecommunication signal, a voice signal, a data signal,
3 a fiber-optic signal and an infrared signal.

1 25. The utilities connection device of Claim 23 wherein the receptacles are
2 at least one of electrical outlets, coaxial cable connectors, and telecommunication
3 jacks.

1 26. The utilities connection device of Claim 23 wherein the support
2 structure comprises a first portion and a second portion movable between a stored
3 position substantially within the body and a use position extending at least partially
4 from the body.

1 27. The utilities connection device of Claim 26 wherein the first portion
2 and second portion are slidably movable in opposite directions.

1 28. The utilities connection device of Claim 23 wherein the utility line
2 holder comprises an opening in at least one of the first portion and the second portion.

1 29 The utilities connection device of Claim 23 wherein the utility line
2 holder comprises a frame member extendable from the body between a stored position
3 and a use position.

1 30. The utilities connection device of Claim 29 wherein the frame member
2 comprises a generally U shaped member configured to receive one or more of the
3 utility lines.

1 31. The utilities connection device of Claim 23 wherein the first portion
2 and the second portion further include an positioning device configured for
3 positioning the first portion and the second portion in a plurality of positions